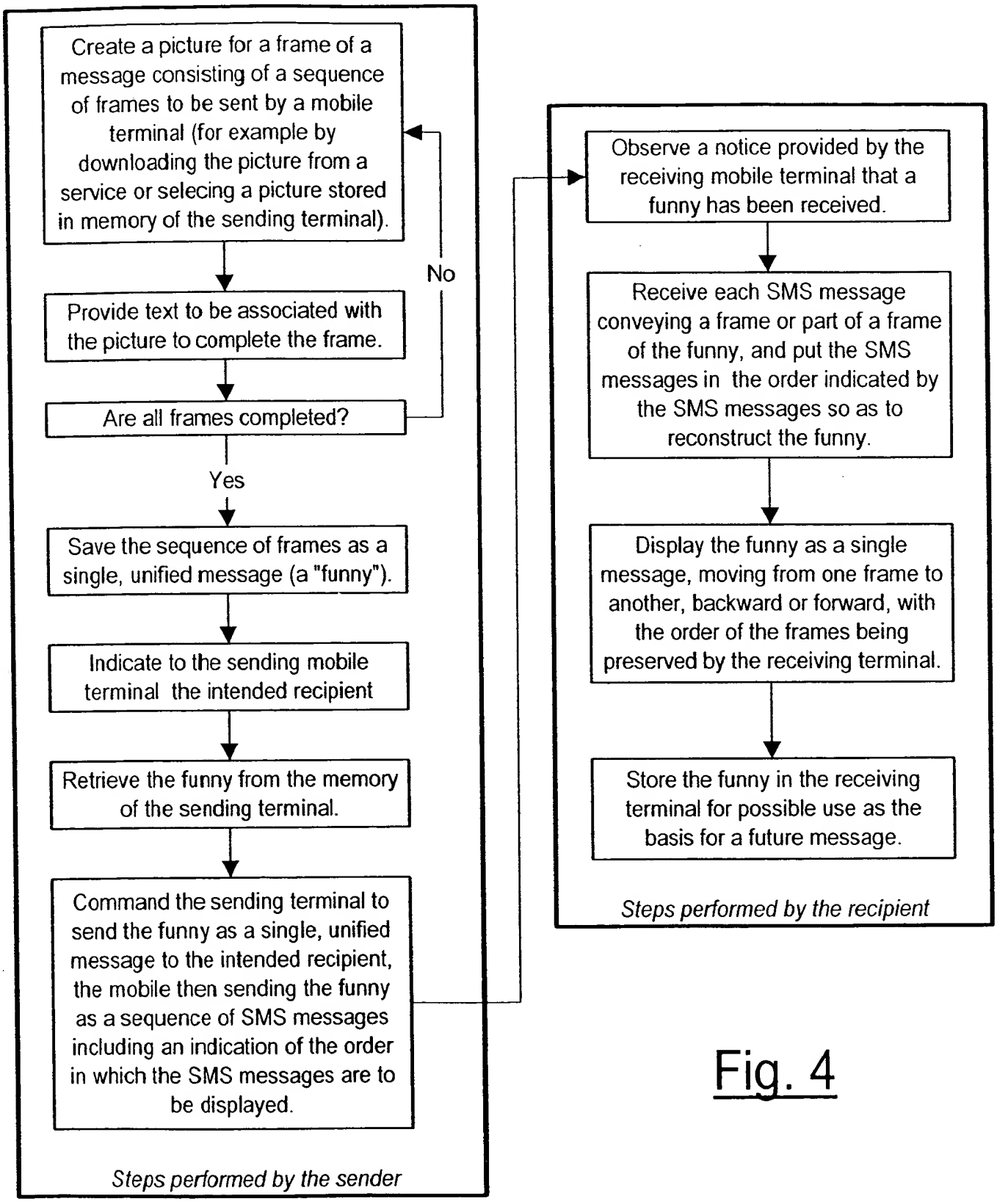
Create a picture for a frame of a message consisting of a sequence of frames to be sent by a mobile terminal (for example by downloading the picture from a service or selecing a picture stored in memory of the sending terminal).
Provide text to be associated with the picture to complete the frame.
Are all frames completed?
No
Yes
Save the sequence of frames as a single, unified message (a "funny").
Indicate to the sending mobile terminal the intended recipient
Retrieve the funny from the memory of the sending terminal.
Command the sending terminal to send the funny as a single, unified message to the intended recipient, the mobile then sending the funny as a sequence of SMS messages including an indication of the order in which the SMS messages are to be displayed.
Steps performed by the sender
Observe a notice provided by the receiving mobile terminal that a funny has been received.
Receive each SMS message conveying a frame or part of a frame of the funny, and put the SMS messages in the order indicated by the SMS messages so as to reconstruct the funny.
Display the funny as a single message, moving from one frame to another, backward or forward, with the order of the frames being preserved by the receiving terminal.
Store the funny in the receiving terminal for possible use as the basis for a future message.
Steps performed by the recipient

Fig. 4

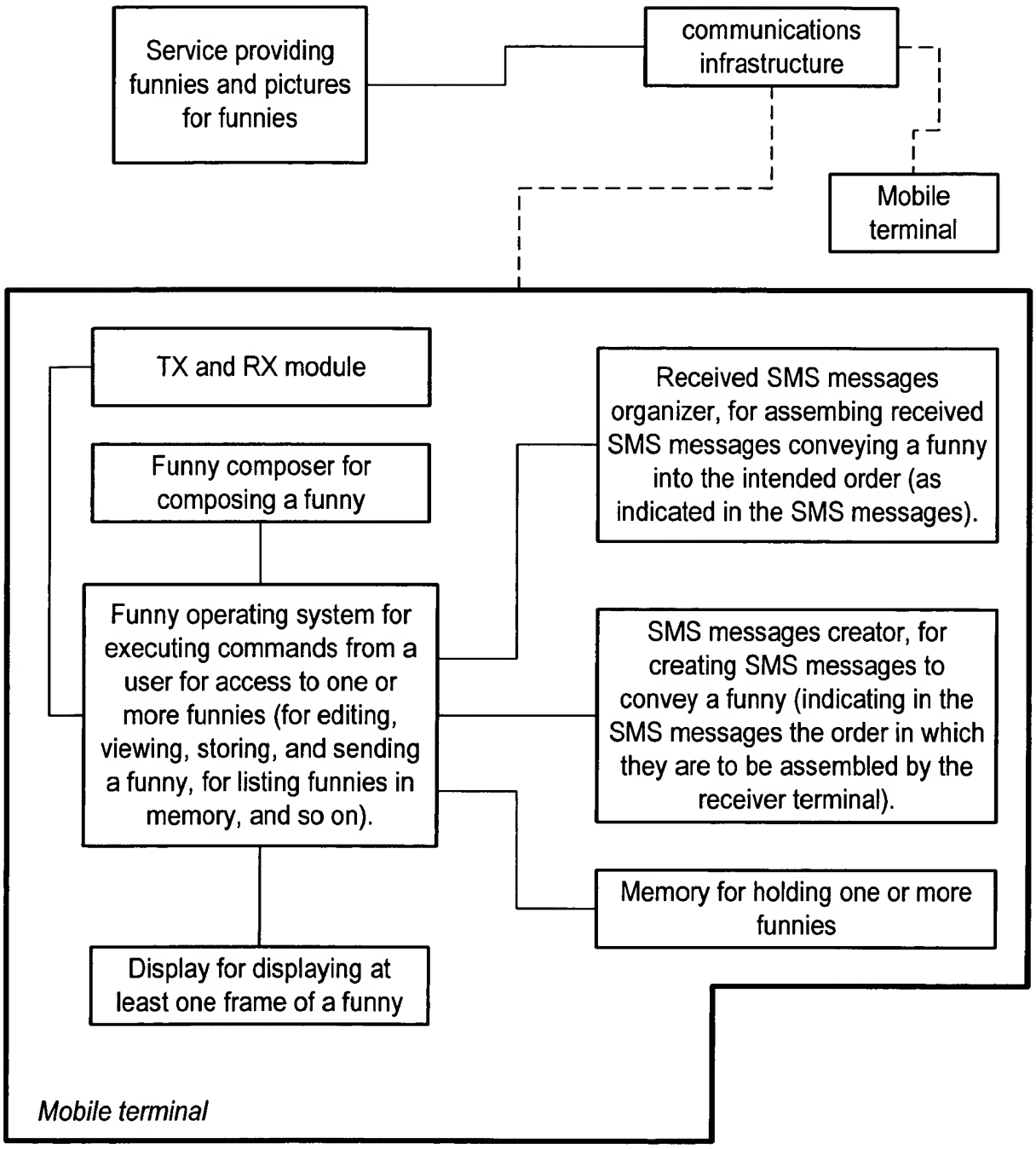
Service providing funnies and pictures for funnies
communications infrastructure
Mobile terminal
TX and RX module
Funny composer for composing a funny
Funny operating system for executing commands from a user for access to one or more funnies (for editing, viewing, storing, and sending a funny, for listing funnies in memory, and so on).
Display for displaying at least one frame of a funny
Received SMS messages organizer, for assembing received SMS messages conveying a funny into the intended order (as indicated in the SMS messages).
SMS messages creator, for creating SMS messages to convey a funny (indicating in the SMS messages the order in which they are to be assembled by the receiver terminal).
Memory for holding one or more funnies
Mobile terminal

Fig. 5

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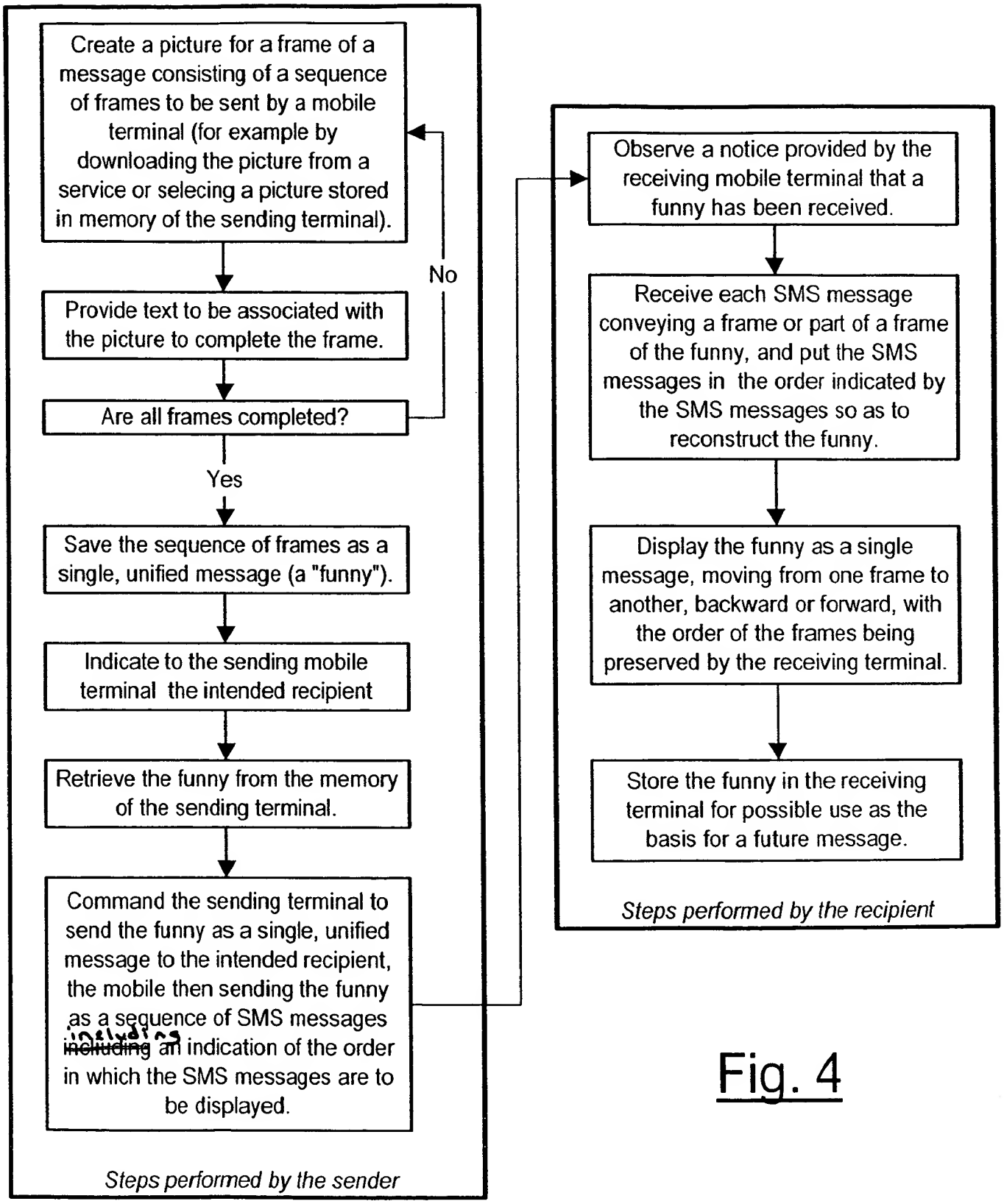

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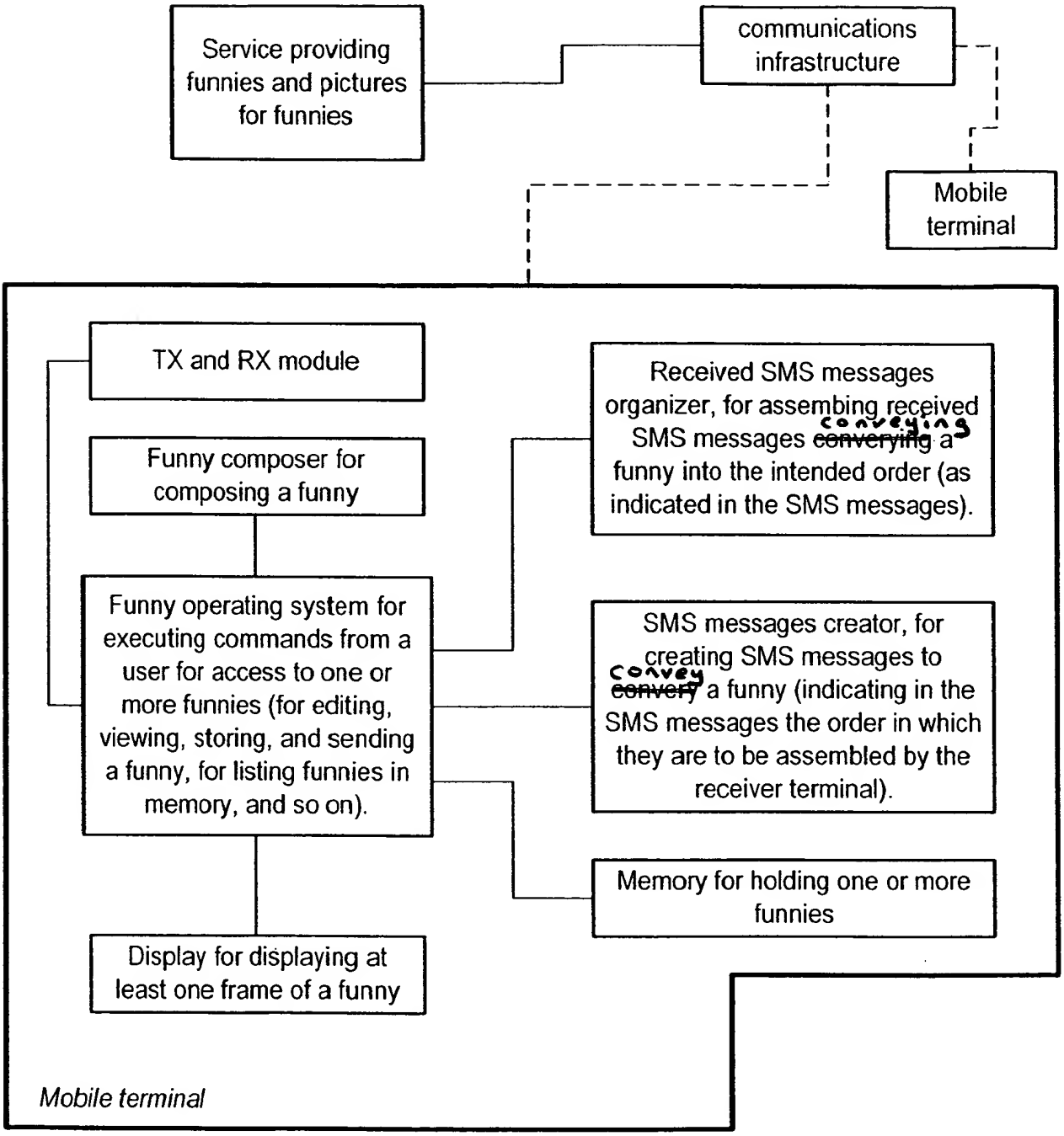

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